

AN HUNDRED YEARS OF AMERICAN RULE

Celebration of the Centennial of
the Louisiana Transfer.

NEW ORLEANS IS THE THEATER

Review of the French and American Warships Anchored Off the City by Gov. Heard and Distinguished Guests.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Under the auspices of the state of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans and the Louisiana Historical society, the series of official celebrations in commemoration of the centennial of the transfer of the Louisiana Territory from France to the United States was begun Friday, the feature being the review by Gov. Heard and a party of distinguished guests of the French and American warships which have come here to assist in the ceremonies. Spain, which owned the territory before its cession to France, accepted an official invitation, but her warship has not yet reached the city, and her participation will be through her consul here. It was on the 20th day of December, 1803, that the French flag fluttered down from its station on the flagstaff in the Place de la Armes, opposite the Cathedral, in which the official transfer occurred, and the Stars and Stripes were hoisted, and the ceremonies will culminate on Sunday with a magnificent pontifical mass in the Old St. Louis cathedral. The grandsons of Gov. Claiborne and Gen. Williamson, who had a direct participation in the historical event of a hundred years ago, will be conspicuous in the celebration. M. Jussereud, the French ambassador to the United States; President D. H. Francis and directors of the St. Louis fair; Judge A. B. Routhier, of the exchequer court of Canada, and Sir E. Tachereau, chief of the supreme court of the Dominion, have come to assist in the celebration.

The United States government has designated Admiral Wile to represent the federal authority. All the courts, public offices, and schools have closed for the occasion. The celebration began with a reception at the city hall, where Mayor Capdeville received the distinguished guests of the city and state. At noon the governor, the mayor and the visiting guests boarded the United States steamer *Stranger* and stepped around the fleet anchoring near the Mississippi, the flagship of Admiral Wile's squadron. A number of official calls were then made by Gov. Heard and his staff.

OBSERVED IN IOWA.

All the schools of Iowa celebrated Louisiana Purchase Centennial. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 19.—One hundred years ago Friday occurred the formal transfer of Iowa as a part of the Louisiana Territory to the United States. In commemoration of that event, public schools of the Hawkeye state are holding special services. Under the direction of Gov. Cummins and State Sup. Barrett, a 32-page pamphlet was issued in October from the department of education and sent to every school in the state. It contained historical events, extracts from celebrated speeches, poems of western pioneer life and information and facts concerning the exposition to be held at St. Louis next year. The plans and outlines suggested in the pamphlet were carried out. In Des Moines, work in the schools and colleges was suspended and the day given over to a celebration of the purchase anniversary. Addresses by prominent educators was a feature.

CAPTURED BY ST. LOUISANS.

James & Young, of St. Louis, the Successful Architects for Government Building in Prison.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The board of architects selected to pass on the merits of the several competitive plans submitted for the new customhouse and sub-treasury buildings in San Francisco has selected those presented by James & Young, of St. Louis, Mo. This firm will receive five per cent. of the total amount to be expended, which is \$1,500,000.

FROM FIFTH STORY WINDOW.

Two Girls Fatally Injured While, With Others, Jumping to Escape Death by Suffocation.

Dayton, O., Dec. 19.—To escape death by suffocation, 12 girls leaped from the fifth-story windows of the Canby building, Friday, several of them landing on the roof and skylights of a one-story building adjoining. The others were caught by Dr. Lambert who, by breaking the force of their fall, saved probably six lives. The flames originated in the basement of the building

Complications of Present Day Life

By REV. R. A. WHITE,
Distinguished Universalist Pastor of Chicago.



LIFE has become a tumult. The average man and woman is enmeshed in a complication of wants, necessities and confusions. Business has taken on complications that rob it of pleasure and threaten it with a constant uncertainty. We have become complex in our pleasures. Simple entertainment no longer satisfies. The stage, the press, art, fiction and music are all in a mad rush to create or find new sensations for a restless, dissatisfied patronage, burdened with many cares and oppressed by an indescribable ennui.

Our lack of simplicity in pleasures is quite equaled by our lack of simplicity in dress. More of life's happiness depends upon clothes than we dream of. Simple, tasteful dress scarcely exists any more. The sin against the Holy Ghost is nothing compared with being destitute of the various suits in various styles prescribed by the latest convention of clothesmakers.

Turn where you will and life is confusion, tumult, lacking in the calm dignity and serene happiness of the days of our forefathers. Life is characterized by a complexity of wants and requirements which would have made the dames and squires of olden time stare, indeed. Many of these wants are legitimate and indicate a real growth in refinement and culture. But our modern life does not stop there. We are mad over superfluous wants. We are in full chase after things we do not need.

Now, what is the result of all this? First, there is not real and genuine happiness in it. No one contends that life is happier under our new conditions than it was in the days of simple tastes and practices. Our women are not rosy and contented-looking; our young men breed wrinkles early. The more we have of this artificial, overstimulating side of our modern life the more we want. We are feverish with an artificial thirst.

This artificial life of ours is the cause of a good part of our modern dishonesties. It makes us pretend to be what we are not. To keep up appearances people wear clothes which they have not paid for and cannot afford. To march with the procession people eat food for which they have not paid the grocer, live in houses with rent in arrears and affect a style of life and living they have no visible means of supporting. From the snare of small debts brought on by expensive living many a man seeks to escape by uncertain speculations and finally by certain peculations.

How tired and sick everyone is of it all is shown by our annual summer or winter migrations to quiet places where we enjoy life in our shirt sleeves, live in board cottages on wholesome food, rise late and retire early and live for a few weeks like the human animals we are.

PERPETUAL MOTION TRAGEDY.

Aged Inventor Died Soon After His Machine Was Destroyed.

If there be any one negative proposition in mechanics that is held to be undeniable by the entire scientific world, it is that it is not possible to construct a perpetual motion machine. And by a perpetual motion machine, taking it in its simplest form is meant, a piece of mechanism which will remain indefinitely in continual motion solely by the action of the attraction of gravitation.

Nevertheless, says the New York Herald, no less a person than Mr. David M. Stone, who was for many years the editor of the Journal of Commerce, and whose personal character has always been above suspicion, is the authority for the positive statement that he had in his possession for several weeks, about 50 years ago, a machine of precisely that sort. He declared that the files of the Journal of Commerce of about 1852 contained a full account of the machine, but these files were destroyed by fire, and he told the story from memory. "However," he declared, "I remember the facts perfectly."

About 1852 an old man, perhaps 80 years old, brought the machine to my office to show to me. It was constructed about like this. I think there were six of the hollow arms. In each one was a little ball. The arms were not rigidly fixed, but had a little play. As the cylinder revolved the balls rolled. Thus the balls in the arms on the right were always an inch or so further from the center than those on the left, and they counterbalanced the weight of the arms themselves. The whole machine was always, therefore, heavier on the right than on the left, and so it always revolved. I think there was also a spring in each arm that helped the reaction of the ball, but I cannot recollect the arrangement of the springs.

Then there was a pendulum that was geared to regulate the speed. If that was disconnected the machine went faster and faster till the centrifugal force kept all the little balls at one spot, and then it would go slower and slower

er till it stopped. I tried that once and started it again with my finger.

"Well, I kept that machine in my office for several weeks, under my own private lock, to make sure that there was no trick about it, and it went right along. The Journal of Commerce printed an account of it, and was ridiculed mercilessly in consequence, but the machine kept right on going."

Then the old man exhibited it at a fair in New Jersey, charging a small entrance fee, and some local scientific men—I think one of them was a Princeton professor—had him arrested for taking money under false pretenses. He was arraigned and the justice of the peace asked him what defense he had, and the old man said his only defense was that the machine did what he claimed. The justice was angry and asked him how he dared say that when these eminent gentlemen swore that there must be a spring in it or it wouldn't go.

"And the old man said: 'I have worked at it for 40 years, and there is no spring in it, and it does go.'"

"So they got an ax and chopped it up, and there was a great silence, for there was no spring. And the old man picked up the fragments and went away with the tears rolling down his face. And he died soon after."

In Bulgaria.

The shaving of the bridegroom on his wedding day is a Bulgarian custom which, handed down from pre-Christian days, is still observed with due formality, especially in country districts. While the barber is at his task a dancing crowd of young folks surround him and the bridegroom. As the latter's hair is cut the snippings are carefully collected by some of the girls for preservation in one of the bride's chests. The barber, when his work is done, receives a small white linen cloth as a present, and also a trifling sum of money from each person there. Then the bridegroom kisses the hands of all the girls, washes his face and dons his wedding dress, which must first be carefully weighed three times by one of the boys



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, and escaped the surgeon's knife, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The universal indications of the approach of woman's great enemy, inflammation and disease of the ovaries, are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. On examination it may be found that the region of pain will show some swelling. This is the first stage of inflammation of the ovaries.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. If it had not been for your medicine, I think I would have died."

"I will tell you how I suffered. I could hardly walk, was unable to sleep or eat. Menstruation was irregular. At last I had to stay in my bed, and flowed so badly that they sent for a doctor, who said I had inflammation of the ovaries, and must go through an operation, as no medicine could help me, but I could not do that."

"I received a little book of yours, and after reading it, I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am now a well woman. I shall praise your medicine as long as I live, and also recommend the same to anyone suffering as I was."—Mrs. MISSIE OTTOSON, Ohio, Iowa.

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